IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

BECKLEY DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No. 5:23-cr-00125

GARY SAWYERS

DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE EVIDENTIARY DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

Counsel has reviewed the United States' Motion and previously discussed the same with Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew D. Isabell. Mr. Sawyers does not oppose the Government's Motion to take an evidentiary deposition of the witness provided that this deposition can be completed prior to the start of the February 18, 2025, trial. Counsel would plan to participate in this evidentiary deposition through a video conference call to counsel's office in Charleston.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February, 2025.

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